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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2011, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

From the depths, O Lord, You call out for us to be one in mind and one in heart. In an ever-changing world, the focus of our prayer, our energies, and our concern can easily shift day by day. With all our diversity, even united we stand before You very vulnerable.

Today, we pray for our families, friends, and constituents out in the Pacific and its surrounding coasts. Be with these island people who touch the Members and Delegates of this Congress who have represented them always, even in their hour of need.

From our depths, O Lord, we cry out: Have mercy, O Lord. Have mercy. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches from each side of the aisle.

FOREIGN KILLERS DON'T GO HOME

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Ashton Cline-McMurry, a 16-year-old kid with cerebral palsy, was walking home from a football game in Massachusetts when he was ambushed, beaten, stabbed, and murdered.

One of the killers, Loeun Heng, an illegal from Cambodia, was sent to prison. Ashton's family was promised this murderer would then be deported back to Cambodia after serving his sentence. But he never was. Why? Because Cambodia and other nations refuse to take back their convicted felons from the United States. So the assassin, by U.S. law, has been released on the streets of America. He is still illegally here.

Mr. Speaker, there are over 140,000 criminal aliens in the United States, like Heng, that have been sent to prison, ordered deported, and their native nation stalls, delays, and eventually refuses to take these outlaws back. So they are running loose in the United States.

The worst offending nations are Cuba, China, India, Pakistan, and Jamaica.

The United States should consider cutting aid and stopping visas to a na-

tion that won't take their criminals back. And maybe that will get their attention, and they will take their people home.

And that's just the way it is.

THE REDUCE UNNECESSARY SPENDING ACT OF 2011

(Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor the Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act of 2011.

Many decisions made over the past decade on both sides of the aisle contributed to the Nation's untenable debt. The Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act provides another deficit-reduction tool to eliminate unnecessary spending. It grants the President expedited rescission authority to create another opportunity to reduce spending and provides a strong incentive for Congress to work together to trim unnecessary spending and dedicates all spending cuts to deficit reduction.

Expedited rescission is a well-known concept with bipartisan support. The Budget Committee's current chairman, Mr. RYAN, introduced expedited rescission in the 110th Congress. Senator JOHN MCCAIN and Senator THOMAS CARPER have introduced similar legislation this year, with 32 bipartisan cosponsors.

Exercising fiscal responsibility requires strong discipline and a commitment to cutting unnecessary spending. Expedited recession provides another layer of spending cuts and another opportunity for deficit reduction.

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